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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the  
Memorial Day Holiday Weekend**

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday Weekend (May 29-31) to receive *Newborn and Clinical* specimens for testing. Our Holiday schedule is as follows:

**MDH Central Laboratory**

Saturday, May 29, 2021	Accepting specimens 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday, May 30, 2021	CLOSED
Monday, May 31, 2021	CLOSED

**MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)**

Saturday, May 29, 2021	Accepting specimens 12:00PM – 4:00PM
Sunday, May 30, 2021	CLOSED
Monday, May 31, 2021	CLOSED

**MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)**

Saturday, May 29, 2021	CLOSED
Sunday, May 30, 2021	CLOSED
Monday, May 31, 2021	CLOSED

Specimens collected for COVID-19 testing can be stored and transported on cold packs refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 72 hours after collection before delivery to the MDH Central Laboratory for testing.

Specimens that cannot be delivered for testing at the MDH Central Laboratory within 72 hours after collection must be frozen and stored at > -70°C and transported frozen on dry ice. Therefore, please plan the COVID-19 specimen collection accordingly over the holiday.

If you have any questions/concerns about COVID-19 specimen delivery, please contact the MDH Central Laboratory at 443-681.3924.